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Maintenance of international peace and security

Implementation of the provisions of the Charter relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Proposal submitted by the Netherlands[1]

The Special Committee decided that it will consider the question of implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions every three years. However, if one or more third States find themselves confronted with special economic problems arising from the application of sanctions and have appealed for assistance under Article 50 of the Charter, the Committee will consider this question at its next session.

[1] On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.

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Peaceful settlement of disputes

Proposal of the Non-Aligned Movement on the commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Acknowledging that April 2016 will mark the seventieth anniversary of the International Court of Justice,

Recalling the important role of the International Court of Justice in the peaceful settlement of disputes and the maintenance of international peace,

1. *Encourages* all Member States and the Secretary-General to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the International Court of Justice with appropriate activities;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold a commemorative session to recognize the work of the International Court of Justice during the past 70 years as the main judicial organ of the United Nations.

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Peaceful settlement of disputes

Revised proposal of the Non-Aligned Movement on the commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Mindful that, in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, all Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations[1] and the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes,[2]

Recognizing the need for universal adherence to and implementation of the rule of law at both the national and international levels,

Recalling that the International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, and reaffirming its authority and independence,

Noting that 2016 marks the seventieth anniversary of the inaugural sitting of the International Court of Justice,

Noting with appreciation the special commemorative event held at The Hague in April 2016 to celebrate the anniversary,

1. *Solemnly commends* the International Court of Justice for the important role that it has played as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations over the past seventy years in adjudicating disputes among States, and recognizes the value of its work;

[1] Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.
[2] Resolution 37/10, annex.

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2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Court for the measures adopted to operate an increased workload with maximum efficiency;

3. *Stresses* the desirability of finding practical ways and means to strengthen the Court, taking into consideration, in particular, the needs resulting from its workload;

4. *Encourages* States to continue considering recourse to the Court by means available under its Statute, and calls upon States that have not yet done so to consider accepting the jurisdiction of the Court in accordance with its Statute;

5. *Calls upon* States to consider means of strengthening the Court's work, including by supporting the Secretary-General's Trust Fund to Assist States in the Settlement of Disputes through the International Court of Justice on a voluntary basis, in order to enable the Fund to carry on and to strengthen its support to the countries which submit their disputes to the Court;

6. *Stresses* the importance of promoting the work of the International Court of Justice, and urges that efforts be continued through available means to encourage public awareness in the teaching, study and wider dissemination of the activities of the Court in the peaceful settlement of disputes, in view of both its judiciary and advisory functions.